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DEAR SIRS.

IN THE DECEMBER 1996 ISSUE OF <u>OVERDRIVE</u> MAGAZINE, THE ARTICLE "INSIDE D.C." BY RITA BONTZ ADDRESSES SERVICE REGULATIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO CDL LICENCED DRIVERS WHO MAKE IN OUR CASE HOME HEATING OIL DELIVERIES IN A RADIUS OF 15 MILES WITHIN OUR STATE. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT WITH THE MANY REGULATIONS COMING OUT OF WASHINGTON THAT JUST DON'T APPLY TO OUR SITUATION AND YET ARE EXPECTED TO BE UPHELD BECAUSE THE DRIVERS HAVE CDL LICENCES.

FERHAPS CONSIDERATION TO SHORT DISTANCE DELIVERIES (WITHIN A 15 MILE RADIUS) COULD BE ADDRESSED AND SEPARATE REGULATIONS BE DIRECTED TO OUR SITUATION, AND THE MANY OTHER COMPANIES IN THE COLDER REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.

IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR WISH TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME.

SINCERELY

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